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THE SEALED NECTAR

[42 LESSONS FROM THE SLANDER OF AISHA (RA)]

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-yesterday we covered the slander of Aisha, but did not pick on the lessons
-Allah said the slander is something good

Verily! Those who brought forth the slander (against 'Aishah the wife of the Prophet SAW) are a group among you. Consider it not a bad thing for you. Nay, it is good for you. Unto every man among them will be paid that which he had earned of the sin, and as for him among them who had the greater share therein, his will be a great torment. (An-Nur 24:11)

-but many of you will be shocked, as to why Allah said it is a good thing
-the answer is; the person will give you all their good deeds
-so it is an investment

So whenever someone slanders you, it is an investment for you
-for they will take away your bad deeds

42 LESSONS

1. THE RASUL (ﷺ) DID NOT PRACTICE FAVOURITISM

-he drew lots when he was going for a journey
-and the name that appears will go with him

2. A WOMAN IS ALLOWED TO GO TO THE BATTLEFIELD IF SHE GETS PERMISSION OF AMEER

3. AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE CAN BE SUCCESSFUL IF THE WOMAN WAS NOT FORCED

-Aisha was happy in her marriage
-even though the kuffaar make her marriage their interest
-so you should differentiate between a forced marriage and an arranged marriage

4. IT IS NOT SUNNAH TO RETURN TO YOUR WIFE AT NIGHT

-the prophet encamped on the outskirts of Medina
-and returned to his home in the morning

-this is because when you travel your wife would want to wear make up for you
-how can you see her beauty at night

5. MAKE 70 EXCUSES FOR YOUR MUSLIM BROTHERS AND SISTERS

-Aisha did not blame the Sahabahs for leaving her behind

6. THE SAHABAH MINIMISED THEIR INTERACTION WITH WOMEN

7. AISHA WAS COOL, CALM AND COLLECTED

-she did not panic when left behind

8. DO NOT BE SO QUICK TO BLAME OTHERS

-Safwan who found her did not blame others

9. DO NOT ABANDON YOUR MUSLIM UMMAH WHEN THEY ARE IN NEED OR IN DANGER

-some people do this, but Safwan did not abandon Aisha
-he brought her back to the prophet in safety and when he did the munafiq started the slander
-Abdullah ibn Ubay started the slander because he hated the prophet
-he could not be king when the prophet went to Medina, so he never forgave the prophet
-and he thought by slandering Aisha he will get back at the prophet

10. PEOPLE WILL SLANDER YOU TO GET BACK AT YOUR FAMILY

-this is what Abdullah ibn Ubay did, he was the grand hypocrite of Medina

11. WHEN SOMEONE IS DOWN, THAT IS NOT THE TIME TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT MATTERS

-Aisha returned with a strong fever
-so her mother did not break the news of the slander to her
-so you should not break bad news to people when they are sick

12. IT IS WISE TO HAVE SABR: PART OF WISDOM IS TO HAVE SABR

-sabr is important in the midst of crises
-the prophet was patient, he did not jump to conclusion about Aisha

13. A REAL MUSLIM CAN FALL INTO A BIG SIN

-Mistah fought at Badr but even though he got caught up in the slander
-those who fought at Badr were promised paradise
-but he got caught up by smiling when he heard the slander
-this is not allowed, you should say itakillah to someone spreading gossip

-but not many Muslims can do this

The Sun newspaper specializes in gossip, but it is the fastest selling tabloid
-because people gravitate towards gossip

When John Prescott had an affair the woman sold it to the newspaper
-so people gravitate towards gossip, especially if it has to do with sex

Mistah when he heard the slander, he did not repeat it, all he did was to smile
-but he did not protect her name and Abu Bakr used to give this man financial assistance
-yet he did not defend his daughter's honour
-and so Abu Bakr said he will stop supporting him
-and then Allah revealed the ayah 24:22

And let not those among you who are blessed with graces and wealth swear not to give (any sort of help) to their kinsmen, Al-Masakin (the poor), and those who left their homes for Allah's Cause. Let them pardon and forgive. Do you not love that Allah should forgive you? And Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful. (An-Nur 24:22)

Narrated By Az-Zuhri: I heard 'Urwa bin Az-Zubair, Said bin Al-Musaiyab, 'Alqama bin Waqqas and 'Ubaidullah bin 'Abdullah bin 'Uqba relating from 'Aisha, the wife of the Prophet the narration of the people (i.e. the liars) who spread the slander against her and they said what they said, and how Allah revealed her innocence. Each of them related to me a portion of that narration. (They said that 'Aisha said), "Then Allah revealed the ten Verses starting with: 'Verily! Those who spread the slander...' (24.11-21) All these verses were in proof of my innocence. Abu Bakr As-Siddiq who used to provide for Mistah some financial aid because of his relation to him, said, "By Allah, I will never give anything (in charity) to Mistah, after what he has said about 'Aisha" Then Allah revealed: 'And let not those among you who are good and are wealthy swear not to give (any sort of help) to their kins men...' (24.22) On that, Abu Bakr said, "Yes, by Allah, I like that Allah should forgive me." and then resumed giving Mistah the aid he used to give him and said, "By Allah! I will never withhold it from him." [Sahih Bukhari, Vol 8, Book 78, Hadith #670]

When Allah revealed this ayah he said I want Allah to forgive me
-so I will forgive Mistah and he continued to give him money

Mistah was given 80 lashes as well as Hamnah bint Jash and Hassan ibn Thaabit

Ibn Kathir writes the following: "Then he (prophet) went to the people and addressed and then recited what Allah revealed in Quran, then he ordered that Mistah bin Uthatha, Hasaan bin Thaabit and Hamna bint Jaysh to be punished because they were among those who spread the allegation of adultery." [in al-Bidayah, wan Nihaya, Volume 4 page 160]

-so you can commit an act of kufr with just a smile

14. VERBAL ABUSE CAN BE DEADLIER THAN PHYSICAL ABUSE

-Aisha dropped down and fainted when she heard the news
-and it was told to her by the mother of Mistah
-she cursed Mistah when she stepped on her dress

So verbal abuse can be worse than physical abuse
-it can be deadlier and more lethal
-Aisha's body became numb and she cried so much

The rasul (ﷺ)said the real Muslim is the one;

Narrated By 'Abdullah bin 'Amr: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "A Muslim is the one who avoids harming Muslims with his tongue or his hands. And a Muhajir (an emigrant) is the one who gives up (abandons) all what Allah has forbidden." [Sahih Bukhari, Vol 8, Book 76, Hadith #491]

-so you need to be careful of slandering people
-because if they do not forgive you, Allah wont forgive you
-and most Muslims wont forgive you if you accuse them of having an affair

15. THE GREAT STATUS OF THE PEOPLE WHO FOUGHT AT THE BATTLE OF BADR

-all of them are promised paradise
-just like those who gave oath at the loot tree

Jabir (RA) reported that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "None of those who swore allegiance under the tree will enter Hell." [Musnad Ahmad (3/350) No. 14820, Sunan Abu Dawud (2/624) No. 4653, Sunan Tirmidhi (5/695) No. 3860, Abu Eesa al-Tirmidhi said: this hadith is Hasan Sahih]

16. THE TAQWAH OF THE FEMALE SAHABAHS

-Umm Mistah, this woman did not take sides with her son

17. WHEN YOUR PARENTS PUTS A CURSE ON YOU, ALLAH ACCEPTS IT TO COME TO PASS

-people like Abdullah ibn Ubayy died as hypocrites
-so be careful of being cursed

And never (O Muhammad (ﷺ)) pray (funeral prayer) for any of them (hypocrites) who dies, nor stand at his grave. Certainly they disbelieved in Allah and His Messenger, and died while they were Fasiqûn (rebellious, - disobedient to Allah and His Messenger (ﷺ)). (At-Tawbah 9:84)

18. EMOTIONAL PAIN AND SORROW CAN CAUSE YOUR BODY TO BECOME NUMB

-because Aisha could not pass out anything
-when she went to answer the call of nature

19. IN THE TIME OF CRISIS, YOUR FAMILY IS NEEDED

-many women after divorce go to their family for comfort
-when Aisha was accused and the prophet was behaving cold to her
-she asked for permission to go to her mother
-the prophet used to visit her but they were very brief

20. WHEN A YOUNG GIRL FACES A CRISIS, SHE NEEDS AN OLDER WOMAN TO GIVE HER COMFORT AND COUNSEL

-you need an older woman to advise you how to go about the crisis

21. YOU NEED A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR MOTHER

-you are not allowed to be at loggerheads with your mother
-but in my opinion a girl needs a father more than a mother
-Every Muslim is very sad about the slander of Aisha but we are picking out lessons from it

22. EVEN MUHAMMAD DID NOT KNOW EVERYTHING / THE GHAIB (UNSEEN)

-because he was behaving cold to Aisha
-and said to her if you are innocent Allah will clear your name
-but if you are guilty then make taubah, this caused Aisha to cry so much
-and turned to her parents to tell the prophet she did not commit a sin
-but they could not say anything

23. WHEN YOU ARE A LEADER OF AN UMMAH AND YOU FACE CRISES, CONSULT YOUR LOVED ONES FOR ADVICE

-when the rumour broke the prophet consulted 2 Sahabah
-Usama ibn Zaid and Ali ibn Abi Talib, the former took her side

...Usama bin Zaid told Allah's Apostle of what he knew about the innocence of his wife and of his affection he kept for her. He said, "O Allah's Apostle! She is your wife, and we do not know anything about her except good." But 'Ali bin Abi Talib said, "O Allah's Apostle! Allah does not impose restrictions on you; and there are plenty of women other than her. If you however, ask (her) slave girl, she will tell you the truth."...[Sahih Bukhari, Vol 6, Book 60, Hadith #274]

-but Ali did not and many historians say that made her take up arms against him
-you are not allowed to believe this because it is an allegation
-Aisha fought Ali because he delayed punishing those who killed Uthman
-and we have to go along with what Aisha said
-we do not take our religion from Shi'ites because they slander themselves

24. WHEN YOU HURT A MAN'S WIFE, YOU HURT THE HUSBAND, AS WELL

-the prophet gathered the companions in the masjid
-and told them somebody slandered my wife
-and I do not see anything negative about them
-the Sahabah said kill him (the one that spread the slander)

This teaches us that if you hurt a wife you hurt the husband and vice versa
-because they are emotionally attached to each other
-and this was the motive of Abdullah ibn Ubayy

25. THE SHAITAN RUNS IN OUR VEINS THE WAY BLOOD RUNS IN OUR VEINS

-because when the rumour spread, Sad ibn Muadh said to the prophet
-if the man is from my tribe I will kill him
-but if from al Khazraj then command me and I will do it
-quarrel was about to break in the masjid, in the name of tribalism
-this caused Aisha to feel very bad
-this proves to us shaytan runs in our veins

Sad bin Muadh Al-Ansari got up and said, "O Allah's Apostle! By Allah, I will relieve you from him. If he be from the tribe of (Bani) Al-Aus, then I will chop his head off; and if he be from our brethren, the Khazraj, then you give us your order and we will obey it." On that, Sad bin 'Ubada got up, and he was the chief of the Khazraj, and before this incident he had been a pious man but he was incited by his zeal for his tribe. He said to Sad (bin Muadh), "By Allah the Eternal, you have told a lie! You shall not kill him and you will never be able to kill him!" On that, Usaid bin Hudair, the cousin of Sad (bin Muadh) got up and said to Sad bin 'Ubada "You are a liar! By Allah the Eternal, we will surely kill him; and you are a hypocrite defending the hypocrites!" So the two tribes of Al-Aus and Al-Khazraj got excited till they were on the point of fighting with each other while Allah's Apostle was standing on the pulpit. [Sahih Bukhari, Vol 6, Book 60, Hadith #274]

You have to be careful of Asabiyya: racism, tribalism, nationalism
-the shaytan almost succeeded in causing the Sahabah to fight because of it

26. THE SHAITAN HAS ABILITY TO USE ASABIYYA TO SPLIT THE UMMAH

-because the rasul said there are 4 things my Ummah will never give up

Abu Malik al-Ashari narrated the Prophet (SAW) said: ”There are four matters of jaahiliyyah that exist among my ummah and they will not give them up: boasting about one’s forefathers, casting aspersions upon people’s lineages, seeking rain by the stars and wailing for the dead.” [Sahih

Muslim (Vol. 2 pg. 644) No. 934]

27. WHEN YOU HURT A MUSLIM, YOU HURT OTHER MUSLIMS

-Aisha's best friend cried with her because she was hurt too

...On that day I kept on weeping so much that neither did my tears stop, nor could I sleep. In the morning my parents were with me, and I had wept for two nights and a day without sleeping and with incessant tears till they thought that my liver would burst with weeping. While they were with me and I was weeping, an Ansari woman asked permission to see me. I admitted her and she sat and started weeping with me...[Sahih Bukhari, Vol 6, Book 60, Hadith #274]

28. BEFORE YOU START A CONVERSATION GIVE SALAAMS FIRST

29. BE SLOW TO ACCUSE AND SWIFT TO FORGIVE

30. WHEN YOU ARE IN A CRISIS, SEEK AN AYAH FROM AL-QUR'AN TO GUIDE YOU

-when Aisha was in crises she quoted an ayah from the Qur'an
-she said I will say what the father of Yusuf (AS) said

And they brought his shirt stained with false blood. He said: "Nay, but your own selves have made up a tale. So (for me) patience is most fitting. And it is Allah (Alone) Whose help can be sought against that which you assert." (Yusuf 12:18)

...'Aisha said, "By Allah, I find no example for my case except that of Joseph's father (when he said), 'So (for me) patience is most fitting.' " Then Allah revealed the ten Verses: "Verily those who spread the slander are a gang amongst you..." (24.11) [Sahih Bukhari, Vol 6, Book 60, Hadith #212]

-'patience is most befitting for me', this proves her scholasticism
-she quoted an ayah then put her trust in Allah
-this is what you should do

31. NO ONE CAN HELP US EXCEPT ALLAH TALA; PUT YOUR TRUST IN HIM

So verily, with the hardship, there is relief, (Ash-Sharh 94:5)

32. THE RASOOL (SAW) HAD EMOTIONS LIKE EVERYONE ELSE

33. SOMETIMES DELAYING A MATTER IS A WISE THING TO DO

-some of us will be a hand's length from paradise but will enter hell

On the authority of 'Abdullah ibn Mas'ud (RA), who said: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) narrated to us: By Allah, other than whom there is no god, verily one of you behaves like the people of Paradise until there is but an arm's length between him and it, and that which is written overtakes him and so he behaves like the people of the Hell-fire and thus he enters it; and one of you behaves like the people of Hell-fire until there is but an arm's length between him and it, and that which has been written overtakes him and so he behaves like the people of Paradise and thus he enters it. [al-Bukhari (6594) and Muslim (2643)]

34. OUR TAQWAH WILL SAVES US FROM CALAMITY AND CATASTROPHE

Aisha further said: Allah's Apostle ﷺ also asked Zainab bint Jaysh about my case. He said, "O Zainab! What have you seen?" She replied, "O Allah's Apostle! I protect my hearing and my sight (by refraining from telling lies). I know nothing but good (about Aisha)." Of all the wives of Allah's Apostle, it was Zainab who aspired to receive from him the same favor as I used to receive, yet, Allah saved her (from telling lies) because of her piety. But her sister, Hamna, kept on fighting on her behalf so she was destroyed as were those who invented and spread the slander. [Sahih Bukhari, Vol 6, Book 60, Hadith #274]

-this is important for Muslim women, they think polygamy is a war
-and the women of today would jump to slander their co-wife
-because they live in darul harb, you need to live in darul Islam

We need to teach the lives of the prophet's wives
-so the women of today can learn taqwa

35. POLYGAMY IS NOT WAR

-women come to relationships to break up the man from his first wife
-but polygamy is not war

36. DO NOT INTERFERE IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHERS

-Hamnah bint Jash thought if she got Aisha out of the way
-the affection of the prophet will go to her sister, Zainab bint Jash
-but she did not ask anybody to fight battles for her because polygamy is not war

On the authority of Abu Hurairah, who said: The Messenger of Allah said "A sign of one's excellence in his Islam, is ignoring what does not concern him." [Tirmidhi 2318, Ibn e Majah 3976, Ahmed 1737, Al-Muwatta 1604]

-a woman cooked for a co-wife because she gave birth

-this would not happen in darul harb, they will poison her
-this is what darul harb causes

37. SOMETIMES REVELATIONS COME DOWN IN PIECE MEAL

-to solve problems that the prophet encountered
-just like when Aisha was slandered
-the prophet did not know what to do
-until Allah revealed the ayah

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38. WHEN ALLAH TALA LOVES YOU, HE TESTS YOU

-the bigger the love the bigger the test

Anas (RA) reported that the Prophet (ﷺ) said, "A mighty reward is associated with a large affliction. Indeed, when Allah loves a people, He afflicts them in trial. Thus, he who is pleased, for him is (His) pleasure, and as for him who is angry, for him is displeasure." [Tirmidhi 2396, Ibn e Majah 4031]

Mus'ab ibn Sa'd reported on the authority of his father (Sad [RA]) that he asked, "O Messenger of Allah ﷺ, which people will face trials most?" He said, "The Prophets, then the likes, then the likes. A man is tried according to his religion. If he is firm on his religion then the trial is severe and if he is soft in observing his religions then he is tried according to his religion. Then, the trial does not remove from the slave till he walks over earth having no sin on him." [Tirmidhi 2398, Ibn e Majah 4023, Ahmed 1607]

39. A HYPOCRITE LIKES TO SLANDER A BELIEVER

-whenever this happens there is no point in forgiving him
-because the prophet did not forgive them
-they like to slander people because they are jealous of your deen and they have no character
-they also steal the money of the believers and you are to expose them

40. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE MUST BE PURIFIED

41. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PURIFY A MUNAFIQH

-this is why the prophet did not flog them, but he flogged the believer's instead
-leave the munafiq to Allah

42. A GOOD FRIEND DOES NOT KICK YOU WHEN YOU ARE DOWN

-when Aisha was slandered one of her best friends was crying with her
-giving her moral support